

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:18-CR-00292-RJC-DSC

USA

v.

LAURENCE SESSUM (2)

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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the defendant's motion for a second continuance of the trial of this case, currently scheduled during the December 3, 2018 criminal trial term. (Doc. No. 22).

On August 22, 2018, the grand jury indicted the defendant for an alleged fraudulent debt collection scheme, (Doc. No. 3), and the case was set for trial during the October 2018 term, (Scheduling Order, Sept. 4, 2018). At that time, the government was ordered to provide required discovery within ten days. (Discovery Order, Sept. 4, 2018).

Counsel moved to continue the case on September 18, 2018, stating he had not received discovery and was unable to prepare for trial. (Doc. No. 18: Motion at 1). The Court granted the motion and re-set the trial during the December 2018 term. (Doc. No. 19: Order). Counsel filed the instant motion for a second continuance on November 2, 2018, stating that he has still not received a copy of the discovery, which he expects is voluminous. (Doc. No. 22 at 1). It would be troubling to the Court if information required to be disclosed by the Discovery Order issued September 4, 2018, has not been made available to the defendant.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the government shall file a response to the defendant's motion within ten days of the entry of this Order. The government shall specifically address whether information required to be disclosed has been made available or provided to the defendant, and, if not, why not and the expected schedule for its provision. If an evidentiary hearing is necessary to resolve the motion to continue, the parties will be notified by separate order.

Signed: November 5, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
United States District Judge

